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	OR 10-271359	10/1998	JAPAN					x
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Document No.: 10-290487 , published Oct. 27, 1998

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Language: non-English

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Concise Explanation of Pertinency: An IC card is used for the shared use of a remote-controller. Data on operating environments (a command, a key arrangement and a code) of the remote-controller are written in the IC card, and the remote-controller operates by reading out these data and memorizing them therein.

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Document No.: 2000-59717 , published Feb. 25, 2000

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Concise Explanation of Pertinency: An IC card slot is provided for both a television and a VTR. EPG (Electronic Program Guide) information is extracted from the television and stored in the IC card. A program is recorded by the VTR based on the information.

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INVENTOR'S INFORMATION

☆	PATENT NUMBER, PUBLICATION ;	INVENTOR(S), AUTHOR(S) ;	DATE etc.		
	特開平10-290487, 発明者 平岡大輔, 出願日 '97-4-14				
	★ CONCISE EXPLANATION				
	リモコンを共用するために ICカードを使う。リモコンの動作環境(コマンド, キー配列, コード)が ICカードに書かれていて, リモコンは, このデータを読み出し, 内部に記憶することによって動作する。				
☆	特開2000-59717, 発明者 岩淵寿章, 出願日 '98-8-12				
	★ テレビとVTRの双方に ICカードスロットを設ける。テレビから EPG (電子番組ガイド) 情報を抽出して ICカードに記録。VTRは, この情報で番組録画する。				
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